

# NIHSS

## for the comatose patient

**LOC 1a = "3" – no response or reflexive movements to painful stimuli**

**LOC 1b = "2"**

**LOC 1c = "2"**

**BEST GAZE = check oculo-cephalic reflex**

**VISUAL = use bilateral threat**

**FACIAL = look for asymmetry, check grimace to painful stimuli**

**MOTOR ARMS = reflexive posturing is scored a "4"**

**MOTOR LEGS = same**

**LIMB ATAXIA = untestable - score of "0"**

**SENSORY = arbitrary "2" is scored**

**BEST LANGUAGE = arbitrary "3" is scored**

**DYSARTHRIA = arbitrary "2" is scored**

**EXTINCTION = arbitrary "2" is scored**